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Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222 Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of The Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, Public Notice, CC Docket No. 97-213, DA 98-762 (rel. April 20, 1998).

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced proceeding is an original and four (4) copies of the reply comments by the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office regarding the implementation of the assistance capability requirements as required by Section 107 of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 1006.

An additional copy of comments is enclosed to be stamped "received" and returned.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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## Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of:

Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act

CC Docket No: 97-213

To: The Commission

- 1. This letter is being submitted in support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Justice's comments and reply comments which were filed in the above referenced proceeding.
- 2. My name is Rodney Bradford and I am an Investigator for the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office. I am assigned as a technical services investigator for the prosecutor's office. I have been working with law enforcement and the Department of Justice for a period of five years to obtain present and future solutions for the development of electronic surveillance standard. I believe that J-STD-025 represents the middle ground, as well as a safe harbor for correcting deficient capabilities.

As a member of law enforcement, I am not an engineer, nor am I a professional lobbyist. To ignore the voice of law enforcement is a vexing and grievous concern. For the Commission to allow private entities to set the rules of evidence and what constitutes criminal activity is a dangerous path to trod down. Law enforcement seeks to have the means to develop probable cause for criminal prosecution. The J-STD-025 presents a viable path to follow.

- 3. The current industry interim standard is deficient with regards to Law Enforcement's requirements. The FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice have identified nine missing capabilities critical to Law Enforcement's ability to conduct electronic surveillance. These capabilities are further explained in the FBI/Department of Justice petition to the FCC and in their comments and reply comments, regarding the public notice on the petitions for Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
- 4. The Ocean County Prosecutor's Office urges the Commission to grant the FBI/Department of Justice petition and to subsequently rule that the nine capabilities that the FBI has identified are essential in protecting the citizens of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

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